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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Group: 3775

Confirmation No.: 2189

Application No.: 10/058,495

Invention: COMPOSITE PROSTHETIC

BEARING HAVING A

CROSSLINKED ARTICULATING SURFACE AND METHOD FOR

MAKING THE SAME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

ELECTRONICALLY

SUBMITTED ON:

Applicant: Richard King et al.

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Examiner: A. Ramana

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2009, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response and Amendment. Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), thereby extending the period for response to September 5, 2009. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the three-month extension of time fee to Barnes & Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter number 265280-68002.

In response to the Office Action dated March 5, 2009, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.